



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: Dell Products, L.P.

Title: Flexible Ordering Of Inventory From Material Sources According To
Material Requirements For Manufacturing Operations

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on January 31, 2001, serial number 09/774,330. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph.

This application relates to application serial no. 09/774,396 (attorney docket M-9897 US, client reference DC-02827), filed on same day herewith, entitled "Pull to Customer Order Demand Fulfillment System and Method" and naming as inventors David J. Lyon, Tomasz P. Wala, Mark R. Graban, Lee B. Beard, Kevin T. Jones, and Thomas J. Clark, the application being incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
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